

SOME IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS

Pitts of Hill Wants a Commission to Investigate the Hogg Fee Matter.

GIVES JUDICIAL POWER TO THE INVESTIGATORS

Senator Grinnan Wants Congress to Call a Convention to Consider Amendments to the Constitution of the United States. Proceedings Were Brief.

Austin, Texas, January 17.—A number of important resolutions were introduced today in both houses. In the west wing Representative Ratcliffe handed in a resolution providing for an amendment to the constitution that will reduce the membership of the senate to twenty-five and of the house to seventy-five and Pitts of Hill introduced the following concurrent resolution:

Whereas, By special message of Governor Culberson, it is made known that the Twenty-sixth legislature will be called upon to appropriate large sums of money for the fees of private attorneys employed by him July 30, 1897, to collect the claim of Texas against the United States, and it being necessary that just and intelligent action be pursued in relation to said fee and appropriation, therefore be it

Resolved, By the house of representatives, the senate concurring, That the speaker of the house appoint three of its members, who shall together constitute a joint committee of six legislators, to inquire into and report make of all the facts and incidents pertaining to the appointment of said attorneys, their services, and the authority of the governor to employ such services at said time and the necessity thereof; be it further

Resolved, That said committee shall be empowered to elect from their members a chairman. That said chairman shall have authority to administer oaths, to issue subpoenas and attachments to compel the attendance of witnesses, the production of papers, records and such other evidence as may be necessary to said investigation. That said chairman shall have power to enforce obedience to the processes and orders of said committee by fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment in any jail not exceeding one month, as may be assessed by said chairman, and ratified by the house or senate upon the report of such order. That all process of said committee shall be served by the sergeant of arms of the house or senate, and they shall have the same authority thereunder as if process were issued by the house or senate. That the said chairman shall employ a competent stenographer, and shall cause a sworn report of all testimony taken before said committee to be reduced to writing, and presented to the house and senate with the final report of said committee. That said committee shall at the earliest possible time ascertain and report:

1. The history of the claim as it appears in the official record of Texas.
2. Whether the attorney general knew of its existence and of any effort to collect it by the services of private attorneys.
3. What public emergency existed for the employment of private attorneys to represent the State of Texas.
4. Whether the instrument signed on the 30th day of July, 1897, by Governor Culberson and relied on as authority for private legal services is a proclamation as a contract, and when the same was first made public.
5. Whether the governor, at the time of signing said instrument, and under existing circumstances, had the legal authority to employ private counsel at public expense.
6. What persons rendered services in the collection of said claim, and what was the value, extent and nature of such services.
7. Recommendation of the committee.

Be it further resolved, That the expenses of the committee, stenographer, sergeant at arms in serving process, witness fees and other necessary and incidental expenses be paid, upon the approval of said committee, out of the contingent fund, on the order of the speaker of the house or president of the senate.

In the senate the following was introduced by Mr. Grinnan:

Whereas, the constitution of the United States of America provides that congress, on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States, shall call a convention for proposing amendments to said constitution.

Therefore, we, the senate of the State of Texas, the house of representatives of the State of Texas concurring, do hereby petition and request the congress of the United States of America to call a convention for proposing amendments to said constitution as soon as the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States of the United States of America shall concur in this resolution by application to congress to call said convention.

Be it further resolved, That the secretary of state be and he is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to the congressmen from Texas and the governor of each State at once, and to the legislatures of the several States as they convene, with a request of them to concur with us in this resolution.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Senate.

Austin, Texas, January 17.—For the last time Lieutenant Governor Jester this morning called the senate to order.

The first business this morning was the adoption of committee report on Potter's resolution providing for appeals from circuit courts of the United States directly to the supreme court of the United States.

The rest of the morning was taken up with the introduction of bills. Recess until 11:45.

The senate proceeded to the house at 11:45 and witnessed the inauguration ceremonies and upon returning to their chambers, Lieutenant Governor Jester, in behalf of the senate, presented the gavel to his successor, Hon. J. N. Browning, who in an appropriate speech accepted the responsibilities of the office.

The House.

Austin, Texas, January 17.—The house met at 10 o'clock.

The speaker announced the appointment of the following clerks: H. B. Otto; general committee clerks, Bruce Thomas, J. D. Carrville.

The speaker also announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

Irrigation—Masterson, chairman; Tarver, Bailey, Bridges, Monroe, Mercer, Russell, Sansom, Tucker, Murphy, Dies, Conolly, Scurry.

Enrolled bills—Collins, chairman; Livesey, Lillard, McFarland, Russell.

Counties and county boundaries—Dierkes, chairman; Morrow, Allen, Palmer, Ratcliffe, Gilf, Howard, Teagle, Smith of Collis, Savage, Phillips of Camp, Oliver, Derden, Beatty.

Agricultural affairs—Willacy, chairman; Stewart, Tarkington, Murray, Wells, Ratcliffe, Beatty, Roshele, Sutherland, Terrell, Tucker, Teagle, Boyd, Neff, Nevins of Fannin, Howard, Hurley, Hamilton, Graham.

Federal relations—Allen of Hopkins, chairman; Ellis, Frost, Greenwood, Lake, Pitts, Farish, Tarver, Shropshire.

Examinations of comptroller's and treasurer's accounts—Prince, chairman; Brown, Gordon, Greenwood, Hamilton, Melton, Morrow.

State asylums—Grogan, chairman; Lillard, Maxwell, Price, Wells, Henderson of Brazos, Tucker, Stripling, Beatty, McAnally, McDowell, Melton, Nolan, Childs, Morrow, Murray, Clements, Shropshire, Wootton.

Bridges and ferries—Barbee, chairman; Ayers, Childers, Conolly, Evans, Phillips of Lampasas, Jones, Staples, Stripling, Bridges, Jones, Phillips of Lampasas, Early, Pitts, McPhillips of Lampasas, Dean, Culp, Tate, Bolin, Blount, Smith of Collis.

Labor—Conolly, chairman; Nolan, Tarkington, Bean, Phillips of Camp, March, Melton, McAnally, Chambers, Walton.

Mining and minerals—Crawford, chairman; Savage, Bridges, Palmer, Frost, Lloyd, Phillips of Lampasas, Jones, Wright, Barrett, Ellis, Little, Farish.

Judicial districts—Evans of Grayson, chairman; Culp, Cross, Calvin, Bridges, Neff, Nolan, Powell, Shropshire, Robertson of Harrison, Thomas of Wise, Wells, Goodlett, Pitts, Mercer, Cole, Allen of Colorado, Bailey.

Public printing—Lillard, chairman; Mc-

Farland, Kennedy, Grubbs, Echols, Calvin, Blount, Adams, McAnally, Scurry, Thomas of Fannin.

Rules—Ayers, chairman; Powell, Henderson of Brazos, Bailey, Henderson of Lamar.

Public debt—Mercer, chairman; Pfeuffer, Sutherland, Graham, Goodman, Monroe, McFarland, McClelland, Poole.

The house recessed until 11:45.

The house was called to order again at 11:45 a. m.

At 10:35 the arrival of the senate was announced. Governor Culberson, Governor-elect Sayers, Lieutenant Governor Jester and Lieutenant Governor-elect Browning were announced at 12:05.

Governor-elect Sayers and Governor Culberson came in arm in arm, as did Lieutenant Governor Jester and Lieutenant Governor-elect Browning.

Speaker Sherrill introduced Governor Culberson, who introduced Associate Justice Brown of the supreme court, who administered to Governor Sayers the oath of office.

Ex-Governor Culberson eulogized his successor, who delivered his inaugural address.

Lieutenant Governor Browning made a few remarks, after he had taken the oath of office.

After the conclusion of these the senate retired and the house adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

By Mr. Sayers—Relating to mileage charged by sheriffs and constables in civil cases.

By Mr. Sayers—To prevent officers charged with the enforcement of criminal law from accepting pleas of guilty from parties with the implied understanding that they continue in their respective unlawful practices.

By Mr. Sayers—To provide for the payment of tax assessors for taking agricultural statistics in the several counties in which they were taken in 1895 and making appropriation therefor.

By Mr. Sayers—Relating to judicial proceedings in cases of lunacy.

By Mr. Sayers—Making appropriation of about \$205,000 to cover deficiencies for the two appropriation years ending February 28, 1899.

By Mr. Sayers—Memorial from citizens of Presidio county, asking for passage of an act to prevent the unlawful transfer of special funds by commissioners courts.

In the House.

The following bills were introduced in the house:

By Mr. Sayers—Providing for elections in a

county regulating the running at large of animals.

By Mr. Sayers—To authorize private corporations created under the laws of Texas to renew their corporate existence.

By Mr. Sayers—To require judges of district and county courts to prepare their charges before counsel to the jury.

By Mr. Sayers—To authorize the Southern Kansas railway to purchase the Panhandle railway.

By Mr. Sayers—Regulating the running at large of certain animals.

By Mr. Sayers—To amend the law regulating the practice of medicine.

A resolution inviting Colonel William J. Bryan, who is expected to be in the city January 19, to address the legislature, was adopted.

Pitts of Hill offered a resolution directing that a joint committee be appointed to investigate the Hogg & Robertson claim.

By Mr. Sayers—To amend the law relating to the department of insurance, statistics and agriculture.

By Mr. Sayers—Joint resolution to provide for the salaries of senators and seventy-five representatives.

By Mr. Sayers—To amend the civil statutes relating to fees to be collected by secretary of state.

By Mr. Sayers—To preserve and protect wild game.

By Mr. Sayers—To restore the charters of private corporations and permits to foreign corporations which have forfeited because of failure to pay license.

By Mr. Sayers—To change the time of holding district court in Trinity county.

By Mr. Sayers—To repeal the Jester amendment.

By Mr. Sayers—To amend the penal code relating to use of animals without the consent of the owner.

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DR. SEYMOUR AT THE CAPITOL.

WILL OPEN HIS OFFICE TODAY.

For Three Days Consultation Will Be Absolutely Free to All Who Call.



Dr. Seymour wishes to say to the readers of The Post who have been interested in the articles on eye-sight that he extends an invitation to any having trouble with their eyes to call and see him at his rooms at the Capitol Hotel. Although the Doctor expects to be in our city for some time, he makes a special request that those who expect to call on him do so at once, as it often requires more than one visit, and it will be decidedly to the advantage of the patients as well as to himself that they do so. We would like every reader who is interested to take this as a personal request to call at their earliest convenience. The Doctor's rooms are large and well arranged for his work, and he will meet in person every one who wishes to talk to him on this subject.

Consultation absolutely free for three days. Rooms 7, 8 and 9, Capitol Hotel Annex, entrance through the office on Travis street near Texas avenue. Hours from 10 until 4.

QUEEN CITY OF THE NECHES.

BUSINESS MEN SUBSCRIBING TO THE FIREMEN'S FUND PROMPTLY.

"Miss Francis of Yale" Booked for Friday Night—Funeral of Mrs. Nathan—Local Notes.

TEMPLE TOPICS.

The Episcopal Church Has Called a

Temple, Texas, January 17.—Rev. J. T. Sloan, one of the brightest of Episcopal ministers, now resident of Bastrop, Texas, held services at Christ's Episcopal church here last Sunday in the forenoon and evening to an appreciative audience. It is understood that this parish will, in the near future, make a call of this excellent gentleman to take charge of the Temple mission.

PHYSICIANS CHANGE.

There has been a stirring up in Temple the past few weeks over the changes taking place in the ranks of the physicians of this place. Dr. W. M. Woodson, one of the oldest and most reliable of practitioners, has determined to move to Cameron, where he has large real estate interests, while Dr. W. L. Rogers, equally popular and well known, has determined to leave Temple for two years and devote himself to the study of diseases of the eye, ear and throat. For this purpose he goes to New York today and after a thorough course there will go to Germany.

CATTLEMAN IN TEMPLE.

There was a big lot of Western cattlemen in Temple yesterday en route to Galveston to attend the State Cattlemen's association. They came from San Angelo and Western Texas, and having many friends here stopped off to shake hands. The rate from the West was only \$5 for the round trip and it required five cars to accommodate the extra passengers bound for Galveston.

BIG FARM DEAL.

January 15.—Robert Russell, fence around lots 358 and 359, block 55, corner Sabine and College streets, \$30.

January 16.—D. M. Marshall, woodshed; \$15.

January 16.—W. W. Kyle, 25x40-foot box house on Liberty avenue; \$425.

FUNERAL OF MRS. NATHAN.

The funeral of Mrs. Annie Nathan took place from the family residence at 9 o'clock this morning. The remains were interred in the Jewish cemetery and were followed to their last resting place by a long cortege of sorrowing relatives and friends.

LOCAL NOTES.

The Beaumont mills no longer complain of a car shortage.

The Dixie Social club will give another dance at the city hall on Thursday night, January 26.

County Treasurer Norvell has funds in hand to pay registered general fund scrip up to and including No. 612.

The two locomotives recently purchased by the Gulf, Beaumont and Kansas City railroad were delivered this afternoon.

The young men of Port Arthur will give a dance at the Sabine hotel Friday night, to which several society young ladies and gentlemen of Beaumont have been invited.

W. W. Kyle has secured a permit for the construction of a box house on Liberty avenue. The house will be occupied by Messrs. Ridley & Kirby as a steam laundry.

There is a slight rise in the Neches river as a result of the recent heavy rains, and up-the-river woodmen are taking advantage of the rise to float down pine and cypress timber.

Miss Nettie Allen, assisted by her nephew, Willie Walsh, will entertain her friends with a birthday party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Walsh Saturday, January 21.

At the home of